

Recognition of foreign educational qualifications

Certificates are very important in Germany. You receive certificates at school, after your apprenticeship, during your studies and at work. At work, the certificates are called job references. Certificates show what you have learnt and achieved. Certificates are important for getting a job.

Do you have certificates from abroad?

Have these certificates recognised in Germany. They will check how your qualifications are assessed in Germany. Your achievements will be compared with the German qualifications. The [Anabin](#) website helps you to categorise your existing certificates in the German education system.

You can find more information on the topic of recognising educational qualifications [here](#).

Do you no longer have your certificates? You can have your professional experience and skills recognised through tests, for example with [MySkills](#).

Official certification of certificates

You have a document, for example a certificate. The authorities want to know whether the document is genuine. To do this, you need to have it officially notarised. This is also important for enrolment at a university. All copies of certificates must be officially notarised. You can have them notarised at the [Citizens' Office](#).

💡 Your documents must be translated into German before they can be notarised.

You can find more information about translations [here](#).

Advice centre for recognition

Don't know how to have your certificates recognised? You can find out at your chosen university or contact the general [advice centre for recognition](#).

You can find more information about recognising qualifications [here](#).